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September 30th, 1914.

My dear Mr. President:-

Professor Lloyd told me last night that he thought you might be interested in getting some boiled down version of the White Paper to put into the hands of students. I am sending you herewith a copy of a pamphlet just issued by our London people, written by Sir Edward Cook, published at twopence that costs us laid down here about three cents, and at that price we shall be very glad indeed to pass them on to you, as we are offering to anyone and everyone who will take them in quantities. We do not wish to make any profit out of it. This pamphlet entitled "Why Britain is at War" was written primarily for circulation by the Victoria League, and following have appeared also with our London imprint, "The Meaning of the War" by Frederic Harrison, price onepenny, and "Modern Germany and the Modern World", price twopence.

As yet I have only sample copies of these two last pamphlets so I cannot send them to you, although if you would like to see them with the idea of possibly making use of them also, I shall be pleased to lend them to you until our supply comes.

Our New York house, I am glad to say, has been honoured with the publication of "The Case of Belgium" which is the official account of the report laid by the Belgian Commissioners before President Wilson. This is published at 25 cents. I am sending you a copy of this also.

Will you please let me hear from you if you should want any of these pamphlets in quantities, so that we may take steps to have them. It would appear that there is going to be a very good demand for them. I am sending them out to the papers very freely.

Yours faithfully,

Frank Wise

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

October 1st, 1914

Frank Wise, Esq.,

The MacMillan Company of Canada.

Dear Mr. Wise:

Many thanks for your letter and the accompanying pamphlets entitled "Why Britain is at War" and "The Case of Belgium". I have read them with a very great deal of interest and I should like to see the students who are unable to read the larger "white paper" make themselves acquainted with this book. The only way which we as a University could dispose of either of these pamphlets would be through Mr. Hamilton of the Students' Book Department. I feel sure that he would be glad to have them on sale at as low a price as possible and that he would get them distributed. I am asking him to refer to you in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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October 15th, 1914

Frank Wise, Esq.,
Macmillan and Company,
Toronto.

My dear Mr. Wise:

I am afraid that there must have been some mistake when the Medical Society stated that I approved completely of arrangements being made to sell medical books to the society and proceeds to be used for the purchase of a Library. The members of the Society must have misunderstood me, because as you yourself recognise it would come into conflict with the business of the Students' Book Department, which is authorised by the University. I am glad that you let me know about the matter.

Yours sincerely,

President.

THE MACMILLAN CO. OF CANADA, LTD.

TORONTO

Octr. 22nd/1914.

My dear Mr. President:-

I enclose a copy of a letter I purpose sending to the half-dozen daily and evening newspapers in Toronto. I have been very moved by reading the magnificent addresses you have made before the University, and I feel that you possibly better than anyone else can appreciate just what I mean by what I have tried to express in these letters. If you could find time to glance over it, and make any comment which you think would better it, I would esteem it a great favour.

I feel sure you ^{will} approve of an effort which we are endeavouring now to bring to a successful head, which is to have Sir Edward Cook's pamphlet translated into French for distribution by the Government in the same way that they are now distributing 10,000 copies of the edition in English, which you were good enough to have put into the hands of each University student.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Frank Wise

President R.A. Falconer,

University of Toronto.

Toronto.

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Dear Sir:-

Many of us in Canada are beginning to receive copies of pamphlets published in England, each containing a speech made by Members of the English Cabinet at public meetings called for the purpose of stimulating recruiting in England.

Of course the gist of these speeches has already appeared in your paper, so that I do not have to refer to their content here. Suffice it to say every ^{speech} ~~subject~~ is fully worthy of the member of the British Government who made it, and of the occasion which called it forth.

It is with great disappointment that I have awaited the appearance of our public men at any meeting of this kind in Canada. To be sure certain members of the Cabinet have made most admirable speeches on different occasions in several of our larger cities, but only to allay financial uneasiness or to stimulate Canadian Manufacturers in securing for Canada business that heretofore has been in the hands of our present enemies. I think I am right in saying that not a single member of the Cabinet or the Opposition has been the pièce de résistance at any public meeting called for the purpose of stimulating recruiting in Canada. The one brilliant exception to this statement I have just made is of course the meeting in Montreal at the formation of the French-Canadian contingent, at which representatives of both parties made most stirring and patriotic speeches in a thoroughly Canadian and Imperial spirit.

I do not doubt but that the various contingents promised by the Government will leave promptly in the numbers and periods proposed, but do we not need stimulation amongst men and women of all ages, classes, and political complexions to arouse Canada not merely to the point of recruiting in adequate numbers, but to encourage those of our men who go to the Front and to stimulate every branch of the Government, and by this I mean the Opposition as well as the party in power.

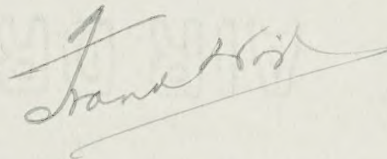
It is my earnest hope that some move may be made shortly whereby a programme of public meetings addressed by prominent men from all parties may give us speeches in every way as notable and as sure to live as that speech made for instance by Mr. Lloyd George at the Queen's Hall and Mr. Asquith at the Guild Hall, and

Mr. Balfour and Sir Edward Carson.

There is no question but that Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and other prominent men could arouse as much deep feeling and enthusiasm with resultant action as has attended the speeches I have referred to above.

I am,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank Hill", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

October 22nd, 1914

Frank Wise, Esq.,
The Macmillan Company,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Wise:

I agree with you that the present crisis might be used with great purpose for impressing upon our people the meaning of their citizenship. I rather think that there is no difficulty or will be in securing recruits, but it is not only from this point of view that speaking would be of value, it is educative, so that people may understand why we are at war and realise more and more what our citizenship implies. I suppose that the public men are very busy and the country is so large that it may be difficult for them to travel much. It is quite possible, however, that arrangements might be made for others to give addresses, and you are probably aware that the University has a series of war lectures drawn up by the Extension Committee, some thirty lectures in all, which will be delivered through the ~~united~~ and breadth of the Province wherever they are asked for. I believe also that your plan of translating Sir Edward Cook's pamphlet into French so that it may be distributed in Quebec is an admirable one.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

October 31st, 1914

Frank Wise, Esq.,

The MacMillan Company of Canada.

Dear Mr. Wise:

I feel that it would hardly be in place for me to write directly to Sir Robert Borden or Sir Wilfred Laurier about the free distribution of the French translation of Cook's pamphlet "Why the Empire is at War". I have to write to Sir Robert on many matters and he might regard it as an unnecessary suggestion on my part.

I did not see "The News" in its criticism of your letter. I think as I wrote to you the difficulty that I saw in the way of the suggestion being carried out is the fact that our Ministers have the burden of heavy departments and the country is one of such great distances.

Yours sincerely,

President.

